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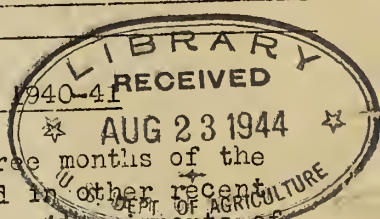
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SPECIAL FLAX MARKET REVIEW

HEAVY USAGE OF U.S. FLAXSEED IN FIRST QUARTER OF 1940-41



Utilization of United States flaxseed during the first three months of the 1940-41 crop year was materially above the corresponding period in other recent years and reflected increased activity at crushing plants and smaller imports of foreign seed, according to the Federal-State Market News Service. Mills crushed around 6,943,000 bushels of flaxseed of which about 5,631,000 bushels apparently represented domestic grain since imports of foreign seed amounted to only 1,312,000 bushels during the quarter. During July through September last season total crushings amounted to 6,814,000 bushels including 3,728,000 bushels of domestic seed and 3,086,000 bushels of foreign seed. Two years back mills crushed 5,043,000 bushels which represented only 1,432,000 bushels of United States flaxseed and imports of 3,561,000 bushels.

Commercial supplies at the beginning of the 1940-41 season were the largest of recent record and despite the relatively heavy distribution during the first quarter, flaxseed supplies remaining at October 1st were still materially above average. Total supplies of domestic seed were placed at 26,988,000 bushels against 16,977,000 bushels at October 1, 1939 and 7,488,000 bushels two years back.

Distribution of linseed oil during the July-September quarter amounted to 153,136,000 pounds or about 1,177,000 pounds more than during the corresponding months last season. Factory consumption was placed at 101,652,000 pounds and exports 1,119,000 pounds, representing increases of 13,344,000 pounds and 701,000 pounds, respectively, compared with a year ago. Other domestic disappearance, however, decreased around 12,868,000 pounds and amounted to 50,365,000 pounds. Stocks of linseed oil in factories and warehouses at October 1st amounted to 115,135,000 pounds against 112,629,000 pounds a year ago and 113,046,000 pounds two years back.

TABLE 1. FLAXSEED: SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION, UNITED STATES

	:5-Year :	5-Year:	:	:	:	:Prelim-
	:Average:	Average:	1937-38:	1938-39:	1939-40:	inary
	:1926-27:	1931-32:	:	:	:	:1940-41
	:1930-31:	1935-36:	:	:	:	:
	: 1,000 :	1,000 :	1,000 :	1,000 :	1,000 :	1,000
	:Bushels:	Bushels:	Bushels:	Bushels:	Bushels:	Bushels
Factory stocks, July 1	: 3,033:	1,279:	2,434:	1,472:	1,958:	3,148
Market stocks, July 1	: 879:	731:	630:	552:	285:	665
Farm stocks, July 1	: 643:	426:	225:	175:	53:	98
Total carry-over, July 1	: 4,555:	2,436:	3,339:	2,199:	2,296:	3,911
United States production	: 20,034:	10,070:	7,089:	8,152:	20,330:	30,629
Total supply	: 24,639:	12,506:	10,428:	10,351:	22,626:	34,540
Seed requirements	: 1,787:	1,186:	588:	1,381:	1,921:	1,921
Domestic commercial supply	: 32,852:	11,320:	9,840:	8,970:	20,705:	32,619
Imports, July-September	: 3,269:	3,712:	5,325:	3,561:	3,086:	1,312
Supply for quarter	: 26,121:	15,032:	15,165:	12,531:	23,791:	33,931
Crushings, July-September	: 8,472:	5,543:	7,666:	5,043:	6,814:	6,943
Supplies remaining, October 1	: 17,649:	9,489:	7,499:	7,488:	16,977:	26,988
Imports, October-December	: 4,292:	3,453:	5,153:	4,420:	2,179:	
Supply for quarter	: 21,941:	12,942:	12,652:	11,908:	19,156:	
Crushings, October-December	: 10,463:	6,344:	7,754:	7,206:	8,736:	
Supplies remaining, January 1	: 11,478:	6,598:	4,898:	4,702:	10,420:	
Imports, January-March	: 5,127:	3,403:	4,719:	6,391:	4,793:	
Supply for quarter	: 16,605:	10,001:	9,617:	11,093:	15,213:	
Crushings, January-March	: 9,659:	5,552:	6,461:	7,112:	7,892:	
Supplies remaining, April 1	: 6,946:	4,449:	3,156:	3,981:	7,321:	
Imports, April-June	: 5,971:	3,169:	2,664:	4,372:	3,154:	
Supply for quarter	: 12,917:	7,618:	5,820:	8,353:	10,475:	
Crushings, April-June	: 8,602:	4,828:	3,989:	6,207:	6,637:	
Supplies remaining or unaccounted for June 30	: 4,315:	2,790:	1,831:	2,146:	3,838:	
Split-up stocks, June 30:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Factory and warehouse	: 2,731:	1,484:	1,472:	1,958:	3,148:	
In terminal markets	: 779:	719:	552:	285:	665:	
On farms	: 599:	402:	175:	53:	98:	
Unaccounted for	: 206:	185:	368:	150:	73:	

Compiled from official data of the Agricultural Marketing Service and the United States Department of Commerce.

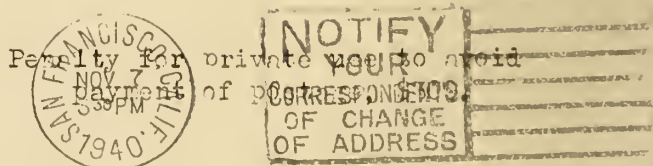
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TABLE 2. LINSEED OIL: SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION, UNITED STATES

	5-Year	Average	Average	1926-27	1931-32	1937-38	1938-39	1939-40	1940-41
	1930-31	1935-36							
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
Factory and warehouse stocks, July 1	141,239	102,998	142,462	145,932	130,250	132,881			
Production, July-September	157,037	104,965	151,278	98,407	134,326	135,389			
Imports, July-September	118	1,201	53	16	12	1			
Total supply for quarter	298,444	209,164	293,793	244,355	264,588	268,271			
Exports, July-September	583	240	256	395	418	1,119			
Factory consumption, July-September	116,526	65,627	93,627	80,702	88,308	101,652			
Other domestic disappearance	74,692	39,237	57,005	50,212	62,233	50,365			
Total disappearance, July-Sept.	191,201	105,104	150,382	131,309	151,959	153,135			
Factory and warehouse stocks, Oct. 1	106,643	104,080	142,905	113,046	112,629	115,135			
Production, October-December	192,360	120,446	150,472	139,106	166,150				
Imports, October-December	736	1,085	93	16	6				
Total supply for quarter	300,239	225,591	293,475	252,168	278,785				
Exports, October-December	514	217	193	113	1,841				
Factory consumption, October-December	102,281	57,497	67,411	72,332	88,287				
Other domestic disappearance	41,361	29,030	34,358	37,920	46,200				
Total disappearance, Oct.-December	144,156	86,744	101,959	110,365	136,728				
Factory and warehouse stocks, Jan. 1	156,083	138,847	191,493	141,803	142,457				
Production, January-March	178,531	104,158	125,587	139,209	150,197				
Imports, January-March	447	242	50	12	-				
Total supply for quarter	335,061	243,247	317,120	281,024	292,654				
Exports, January-March	500	229	162	172	1,180				
Factory consumption, January-March	104,965	57,112	63,353	76,511	85,526				
Other domestic disappearance	49,864	29,782	30,481	42,954	33,148				
Total disappearance, January-March	155,329	87,136	94,001	119,637	119,854				
Factory and warehouse stocks, April 1	179,732	156,124	223,119	161,337	172,900				
Production, April-June	159,056	92,234	77,513	124,823	128,363				
Imports, April-June	1,593	466	41	19	1				
Total supply for quarter	340,381	248,824	300,673	286,229	301,184				
Exports, April-June	451	147	220	135	1,112				
Factory consumption, April-June	121,520	77,090	82,089	91,359	98,977				
Other domestic disappearance	87,441	56,129	72,432	63,975	65,214				
Total disappearance, April-June	209,445	133,356	154,741	155,979	165,303				
Factory and warehouse stocks, June 30	130,956	115,508	145,932	130,250	132,881				

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